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The Standing Wave

*The monthly newsletter of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette, Michigan. Comments and suggestions can be sent to the club at P.O. Box 1183, Marquette, Mi 49855 or to the editor at ki8af@arrl.net
Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our*

MONTHLY MEETING: Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.
Date: **February 4, 2010**
Time: 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2010

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STANDING WAVE

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REPEATERS

KG8YT, 147.270 / .870 with 100 Hz PL-Tone Marquette
K8LOD, 146.910 / .310 Ishp.
N8RRZ, 146.640 / .040 Gwinn
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

1//30/2010 Nokie Ski Race
2/6/2010 Swap'n'Shop
2/19-20-21/2010 UP200/MNR

Prepare Now!

I thought it might be helpful to list some of the activities/public service events that HARA is involved with annually. Marking that new 2010 calendar with a few club activities to help out with will be a good start to this year. You know, those New Year resolutions that most of us fail to follow up on because we may get too busy or forget about them. So mark that calendar now.

January 30th the Nokie Ski Races (hope you helped out)

February 6th our annual Swap'n'Shop

February 19, 20 and 21st UP200 and MNR Sled Dog Races

May (last week) S.K. Enterprise Space Shuttle Program (possibly last year of the program)

June 26 and 27 ARRL Field Day

July 4th, Marquette's 4th of July Parade

August 14 Ore To Shore Bike Epic

August 20, 21, 22 International Lighthouse Weekend

December 2 annual Christmas Party/Dinner

Hope I didn't forget an event. Also remember there is normally a couple of public service events that happen in Alger County that may need some assistance.



V.E. TESTING:

- 03/13 **Marquette:** 8:30am eastern time, (arrive by 8:00am) Marquette County Health Dept. Bldg, U.S. 41 just east of the Michigan State Police Post. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA at 906 249-3837 or e-mail: n8gba@chartermi.net
- 04/10 **Houghton:** 8:30am eastern time, V.E. Exams at Michigan Tech. University in Houghton, MI will be held in the ballroom of DHH (Douglass Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Free Parking in Lot #14, front of DHH, across from Wadsworth Residence Hall. Use door #9 on the South-East side of DHH. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions
- 02/06 **Iron Mountain:** 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802
- 04/10 **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: hsj99@charter.net VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Gladstone City Hall Main Meeting Room 1100 Delta Ave. Gladstone, MI 49837

Please arrive one-half hour early for test sessions to give time to process applications. Testing applicants should bring the following items with them: Two pieces of I.D. one being a photo I.D., Original license and one clear copy of their license if applicable, Completed form 605 (one will be provided if you don't have one), pencils, calculator and the test fee of \$15.00. Please have the correct fee as examiners do not carry change. *Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc.*

Birthday Wishes

The "Birthday Wishes" column is now back by request. If you notice an error or your birthday is missed please advise the editor. Birthday Wishes for the month February go to: Bill KC8EWD, Sheree KD8EDS, Elizabeth KC8BLB, Ryan N8RY, James KC8VJZ, Don AA8FZ, Carl KD8MAE, Raoul W8RDR and Dave KC8UUC.

On The Bands

On the DX, 40 m has been good. Very strong signals stateside and lot's of DX. Over the last few weeks I have worked S. Africa twice, Argentina, Brazil, Barbados, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Wales all on 40 m with 50 watts SSB. This is all just after dark. I like the 40 M band because the propagation changes a lot and you never know what will come rolling in.

73's Bruce N9MDE

Luce County News

There is now an amateur radio club in Newberry called the Luce Amateur Radio Society (LARS). Their web site is www.w8nby.com. W8NBY is our club call sign.

Dave, KC8QZG
President, LARS

The 146.01 repeater has moved to the new site near the intersection of M-28 & M-117. Some antenna work was done and the new setup tests out very positively. Many should find this new arrangement more accessible and with enhanced coverage area. Still appreciate reports from your QTH or mobile locations - good or bad.

EMCOMM and You!

Marquette County Emergency Coordinator (EC) Rich N8GBA is updating the counties ARES roster. He needs your help! Some local ARES hams don't wish to participate any longer and no doubt others that want to be part of the local ARES group. Please advise Rich of your wishes.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

Pete K8PT came up with this idea of posting some of your special and or unique ham radio websites. So it's up to you as a HARA member to inform me of that ham website you enjoy visiting. Pete got us started with a couple.

K1BV's DX Awards Website at <http://www.dxawards.com/>

N4MC's Vanity HQ at <http://www.vanityhq.com/index-hamlocator.html>

PR.....Happenings

Our PR committee needs input from each of us if we expect them to do their part in getting the word out about our organization and amateur radio. Please contact a committee member well in advance of a happening. PR committee members are: Lee KD8BJC leerowe@charter.net or 346-9278, Lane WD8PAJ laned@chartermi.net or 486-8697.

PRB-1 UPDATE: Progress continues in obtaining co-sponsors for HB5556 in the Michigan House, and late breaking news indicates we have a senator who is going to introduce a similar bill in the Michigan Senate. Please check the PRB1 web page <http://www.prb1michigan.org> for updates and please write to your State Representative to encourage support for HB5556. Your letters are vital to the success of the legislation.

Alger Amateur Radio Club

The Alger Amateur Radio Club, our neighbors needs your assistance. Their membership numbers have diminished over the last few years. The AARC has supported us in the past as well as currently with the two meter linked system from Marquette into Grand Marais. So when you talk to our fellow hams in Grand Marais via your two meter HT from your living room easy chair, you have the AARC to thank. Now is the time to step to the plate for them. We all know times are rough but the AARC has several levels of membership or even a small donation to them would be greatly appreciated. Please check out the AARC website at <http://www.algerham.org/> for more information.

For Sale

Rohn 48 foot free standing tower with rotor plate. \$400.00 For more info call Stanley Strangle (h) 906 827-3526 or (c) 390-3526.

For sale

Australian Fox Finder, Kenwood 520S with desk Mic call Rich 249-3837

Wanted for "Telegraph and Radio Museum Display" Escanaba, Michigan

Old Railroad Telegraph equipment, sounders, keys, wall-crank telephones, B&W framed pictures, dispatch orders, lamps etc.

Old ham equipment - Kenwood, Swan, Tentec, National, Allied Radio, Atlas, Clegg, Collins, Dentron, Drake, Hallicrafters, Hammerlund, Heath, Johnson, KLM, Knight, Yaesu, Motorola, General Electric. Plus Matchboxes, Tuners, Amplifiers, wattmeters etc.

Arrangements can be made for pickup if you cannot deliver items. All donated items will be on display with your name and/or ham Call, in our Museum. The Museum is open on Monday evenings during the winter months, and daily during the summer.

Also wanted old Railroad pocket watches, (Must be working) Call Les Elder 906-789-1543, "Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc."



31st Annual
**Amateur Radio
SWAP & SHOP**

HAM RADIO
ELECTRONICS
COMPUTERS
BUY-SELL-TRADE
FOOD & BEVERAGE

Negaunee Township Hall
Negaunee, MI

February 6, 2010

7:30 A.M. Setup
Doors Open from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Admission \$4.00
Table Rental \$6.00
Raffle Tickets \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00
Talk in on the KG8YT Repeater 147.270

***** GREAT DOOR PRIZES *****





For more information please contact:
John, N8RSE: 906-228-9417
Lou, KG8NK: 906-485-5442

Hiawatha Amateur Association January 7 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Lou KG8NK

All officers were present except Lane WD8PAJ who was excused

Introduction of members, no guests present

- Agenda was presented and approved by Ralph N8HXG second by Rich N8GBA
- No secretary report because of the Christmas Party No Meeting

Treasures report by Fred KD8JIP motion approved by Lee KD8BJC second by Greg KI8AF

Correspondence:

From Dave in Newberry KC8QZG they now have a club up and running

The Newberry repeater has been moved to a new site, if you notice differences when you are traveling thru let Dave know. They also have a website.

Greatlakes director Jim Weaver approved our ham fest, also sent some door prizes.

Committee reports: Paul KB0P reports 440 repeater is running on low power

Work continues on the 64 repeater the old 64 repeater is at Andersons, output was only 5 watts. Paul is working on linking the new repeater.

- APARS is running on the 27 repeater.
- Rich, Gregg, and Lou are working on a data base if you want to be involved with ARES

Or access the eoc center at the state police post. They are updating calling tree and all the data base.

Swap shop is coming up soon Rich N8GBA is doing the tables. Greg KI8AF is notifying vendors and other clubs.

Rich N8GBA noted that we will not accept any TV's or computers will be accepted for the club table.

The sled dog race is still in the works everyone needs to get with Lou to fill up the positions for the race.

The ski race is coming up the 30th of this month call Rich N8GBA to confirm your set up location.

50/50 drawing won by N8TEV \$14.00.

Motion to adjourn by Norm W8NWD second by Pete KC8YTX.

Volunteering your time Counts!

Each month many members volunteer their time for club activities some of which might include repeater maintenance, ARES, EOC operations, Life Tracker, newsletter, PR, club business, etc. All these volunteered hours and mileage can be credited to HARA and amateur radio but only if you report them. AEC Dave Thomas KD8DRF reports these numbers monthly. So at the end of each month please contact Dave with services rendered, hours and mileage. Contact Dave at dlthomas@chartermi.net

If you want the right to put up a Ham tower, it is up to you to do something now! Unfortunately, as I write this, we have one MI ham wondering if he can even have a 30' tower. However, there are things that you can do about this. For example:

1. If you have not already sent a letter to your Legislators to support HB # 5556, then now is the time. If passed in 2010, HB # 5556 - Michigan's PRB-1 "Amendment to the MI Zoning Enabling Act" will codify PRB-1 into our Michigan law. It also will establish an allowable tower height of 90' across the state. However, if we do not increase our number of legislative contacts, the Bill may die in committee. If you have already sent a letter, it is time to re-contact your House Representative to re-kindle interest.

For the actual text of HB # 5556, click on this link. <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billintroduced/House/pdf/2009-HIB-5556.pdf>

For more information about PRB-1, click on this link. <http://www.prb1michigan.org/>

For a legislative contact letter template, click on this link. <http://www.prb1michigan.org/id18.html>

2. Also, tell a Ham friend about this critically important effort. Antennas and the towers that they are mounted on are critically important to us. They are our connection to the rest of the RF world. If need be, help your friend establish contacts with their Legislators. Discuss this topic at your next club or organization meeting.

For legislative contact information, click on this link. <http://www.prb1michigan.org/id1.html>

3. Additionally, we need some help addressing the Hams who will attend the pending MI hamfests/swaps. The hamfests/swaps listed below in red are not covered. We are looking for volunteers to cover these two events or help with other listed events. These are just the hamfests/swaps for the first part of the year. We will have more events to cover later. If you are into organizing things, covering these events are opportunities for you to help in this effort. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP via Email or call me at (231) 745-9241.

6 Feb: HARA Swap & Shop, Negaunee, MI – Dale

13 Feb: Cherryland Hamfest, Traverse City, MI - Len

21 Feb: Livonia Swap n Shop, Livonia, MI

20 Mar: Michigan Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall, MI - Len

17 Apr: Milford Swap & Shop, Highland, MI - Scott

20 Jun: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI

Len Todd, N8AGS

MI PRB-1 Project Manager

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<http://www.prb1michigan.org/>

HARA membership? New member or need to renew your membership? Dues can be mailed to the: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 1183, Marquette, MI 49855. Dues annual rate structure: Single \$15.00, Family \$20.00, Associate \$10.00, Family associate \$15.00, Student \$7.50. More information and an application form is available at <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/membership.html>

Check out Joe AJ8MH's shack.



And that's a wrap for another month.
73 until next month, Greg KI8AF@arrl.net



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